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CHARLESTON, IL --An "artsbreaking" program Tuesday signaled the ceremonial start of construction of the Tarble Arts Center at Eastern Illinois University. Actual work on the \$1,467,462 project began about two weeks ago. Target date for completion of the building is June, 1982.

Kenneth Hesler, coordinator of a \$250,000 fund campaign, said the drive had exceeded its goal, and that the campaign cabinet was expected to approve a recommendation to formally close the campaign.

The total figure for the public drive to date is \$302,800, Hesler said. Dr. Vaughn Jaenike, Dean of the School of Fine Arts and chairman of the major gift division, said the additional funds may allow the reinstatement of some options that had been deleted. The Center is located south of the Buzzard Education Building, formerly the Lab School.

Hesler said the response by the public "was overwhelming and we are deeply grateful. The generosity of the people of east-central Illinois has made reality out of a dream by Newton E. Tarble."

The late Newton Tarble, an Eastern alumnus and retired industrialist, made the Center possible with a gift of \$1,000,000. His concept of the Center's primary purpose was "to take the arts to the people" through outreach programs, exhibitions, and a permanent collection.

Taking part in the ceremony were Aubert North, an alumnus and Chairman of the Campaign Cabinet; Eastern Illinois University President

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Daniel E. Marvin, Jr.; Jaenike; Don Carmichael, Director of the Center; Mayor Roger Dettro, Mattoon; and Mrs. Olga Durham, Commissioner of the City of Charleston.

Carmichael sketched the building on a board and a number of persons closely connected with the campaign signed it. The board will be kept as a memento of the observance.

The design and construction architectural firm is Salogga, Bradley, Likins and Dillow of Decatur. General contractor is the Grunloh Construction Company of Effingham.